

# The Stag

The Elogamgussit of Sipp-O Lodge #377

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**Winter Banquet 2013.** Sign up now for the social event of the year, The Sipp-O Lodge annual Winter Banquet. The event will start at 6pm at the Canton Women's Club (822 Market, N). The new Lodge officers for 2014 will be installed; we'll present the Vigil Certificates for our 2013 Vigil Class; and possibly the Founder's award to possibly 2 deserving recipients. You'll also get to meet the Section officers and other dignitaries. In addition to the fellowship and food, you'll also get the special Sipp-O Winter Banquet event patch. The fee is \$25 and reservations must be made by December 20; no walk-ins please. Simply go to the council website ([buckeyecouncil.org](http://buckeyecouncil.org)), click on the Order of the Arrow link on the lower left of the page and then click on the Winter Banquet link (hint, if you are not registered with a unit, choose 'crew' under type of unit and then 7436 (camp staff) as the unit number). You can pay with credit card or virtual check. Let's see everyone there.



**Everyone loves a free pass..** Well, it's not free, but the Sipp-O Lodge annual event patch is a great way to simplify your Lodge Life. For a measly \$60 (\$50 for youth) you'll get a pass to all 4 of our annual events: Spring Fellowship, Spring Ordeal, Fall Ordeal, and Fall Fellowship. Plus, included is the patch for the event whether you go or not. What a deal! No more having to worry about having to pay for each individually plus that great free set of patches, and if prices change during the year, you've still got your event locked in for at the current rate. Get your ticket at the Winter Banquet trading post. (For events, no fee, but you'll still need to make an online registration so we can plan for food.)

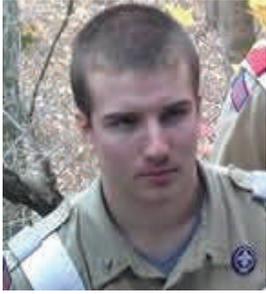
**Tis the Season...** A number of years ago, the Lodge initiated a "Kimi Milan" (selfless giver) fund. This fund is used to provide scholarships to Lodge youth for attending Section or National events, training programs, or lodge events in cases of financial hardship. In return, the giver is acknowledged by a special patch, currently a chenille Stag backpatch, a must for every Sipp-O collection. It's only \$40 and goes to a very good cause. Stop by the trading post at the Winter Banquet, help a youth Lodge member and get a great patch.



**An unbeatable Opportunity..** Need something to do in the summer other than mowing lawns and flipping burgers? Want to spend all day in the outdoors, but with nice air conditioned sleeping quarters? Hassle free and ample food, pretty much any time you want it? Camaraderie? Leadership Development? Service? Did I say fun? Then we've got the deal for you — consider joining Seven Ranges Summer camp staff. You get all of the above PLUS you get paid. Even plussier, the camp director this year, Ben Miller, is a former Sipp-O Lodge Chief, Vigil and Founder's recipient so you know how great the camp leadership will be. There are plenty-o-slots available, so apply early to get a shot at the best ones.



### **CHIEFLY SPEAKING:**



The year is now coming to an end and with it comes an end to my term as Chief. Looking back over the year I can tell we as a lodge have accomplished a lot, though it seems as if just yesterday I started as Chief. I am proud to say that I am a member of Sipp-O lodge and proud to have served as Chief. I hope to see the lodge to continue to grow under its new leadership and expect nothing but the best from them. There are some big shoes to fill but I know they will be up to the challenge. The new leadership is young but full of new and creative ideas. After being elected they attended the training sessions help at the Lodge Leadership Development conferences as well as the Area Leadership Training Conference. Both these events have helped to prepare them to take over and manage their role in the lodge. Winter Banquet will be coming up soon and I hope to see all of you there. It is a good time of food, fellowship, and fun. We will be giving out awards to outstanding arrowmen and inducting the new officers. After the year is over I intend on backing the lodge until I ship to basic training. I will be serving as the Vice Chief of Administration and will be available for help and guidance for any arrowman. I have high hopes for next year as we continue to progress in our youth involvement. This year proved to be a starting point for that involvement and it continues to grow. There are a lot of decisions to be made and plans to carry out in this upcoming year. I encourage you all to fulfill your pledge of cheerful service in your community, troop, and the lodge. Strengthen your ties of brotherhood and seek the true meaning of the arrow. For he who serves his fellows is of all his fellow's greatest.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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Sipp-O Lodge Chief

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